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## See attached:

- 1. Transmittal Letter; and
- 2. Amendment and Response to Office Action and Final Rejection dated June 28, 2006

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Dear Honorable Commissioner:

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#### TRANSMITTAL LETTER

In connection with the above-identified application, Applicants respectfully submit an Amendment and Response to Office Action and Final Rejection dated June 28, 2006.

No fees are believed to be due in conjunction with this response. However, if fees are due the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such fees that may be required, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 03-3345.

Date: Mond 25, 2006

Respectfully submitted.

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Dear Honorable Commissioner:

## **RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JUNE 28, 2006**

In response to the Office Action and Final Rejection dated June 28, 2006, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on September 28, 2006, Applicants file this response and amendment.

Applicants thank the Examiner for his time on March 10, 2006, and respectfully request allowance of the claims based on that discussion and the following.

The Listing of Claims begins on Page 2. Remarks/Arguments begin on Page 9.